

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A displacement measuring instrument, comprising:
 - an instrument body;
 - a spindle penetrating the instrument body to be slidably supported by the instrument body to be displaced;
 - a lifting lever manipulated from the outside to forcibly shifting the spindle;
 - a lever support that supports an end of the lifting lever opposite to a drive end of the lifting lever that is in contact with the spindle; and
 - an engaging member provided on an outer circumference of the instrument body that detachably engages and supports the lever support.
2. (Original) The displacement measuring instrument according to claim 1, wherein the lever support and the engaging member are engaged by a dovetail arrangement including a groove formed on one of the lever support and the engaging member along the outer circumference of the measuring instrument body and a projection formed on the other of the lever support and the engaging member to be engaged with the groove.

3. (Original) The displacement measuring instrument according to claim 2, wherein a detachment stopper that prevents the lever support from being detached from the engaging member when the lever support is engaged with the engaging member and is slid by a predetermined distance is provided on the engaging member.

4. (Original) The displacement measuring instrument according to claim 1, wherein the lever support is a synthetic resin molding.